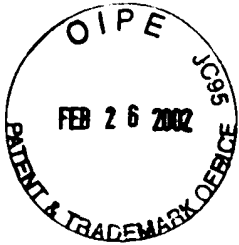


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Re: Application of: Carey LYONS, et al.  
Serial No.: 09/997,796  
Filed: November 30, 2001  
For: DENTAL COMPOSITIONS WITH  
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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231-9998

February 11, 2002

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application for the above-identified application dated December 11, 2001, a copy of which is enclosed herewith, applicant submits herewith an executed Declaration and Power of Attorney. The present application is a continuation of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,775 filed on September 13, 1999. The enclosed declaration is a copy of the declaration filed in connection with the parent application (i.e. U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/394,775 ). In accordance with 37 CFR 1.63(d) a newly executed declaration is not required since a copy of the declaration filed in the prior application is submitted herewith.

I hereby certify that this correspondence and/or fee is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231-9998" on February 11, 2002.

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The surcharge fee of \$130.00 for late submission of the Declaration and Power of Attorney is submitted herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500518. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Paul J. Higgins", written over a horizontal line.

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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted*

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(l) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.
- The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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